

School Year 2011-2012

Dear Parent of Guardian:

You are receiving this letter because your child will be entering school in the fall, and the Vermont immunization law requires that all students enrolled in school be vaccinated.

Upon enrollment, an official immunization record must be presented to the school. These records can be obtained from your pediatrician's office. If a student does not meet the vaccine requirements, they may be admitted provisionally following approval of a plan for immunization with the school nurse. Any student who is not adequately immunized may be excluded from school.

Students entering kindergarten must provide documentation of the following:

- 5 doses of DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis) vaccine
- 4 doses of polio vaccine
- 2 doses of MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine
- 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine
- 2 doses of chickenpox (varicella) vaccine. If the student has previously had chickenpox disease no vaccine is needed and parents may sign this form:
http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/IZ_varicelladocumentation_020808.pdf

Students entering the seventh grade must provide documentation of the following:

- All of the immunizations listed above and
- One dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccine as a booster for the DTaP vaccine received prior to age two.

Students attending and residing in a residential boarding school must have:

- All of the immunizations listed in both sections above and
- One dose of meningococcal vaccine

These requirements also apply to all students entering a new school, outside of their previous supervisory union.

In cases of medical contraindications and religious or philosophical objections to vaccines, Vermont law allows for exemption from immunization requirements. In order to claim an exemption this form needs to be completed, signed and returned to the school:

http://healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/documents/IZ_School_Immunization_Exemption_Form.pdf

Students who claim an exemption may be excluded from school during the course of a disease outbreak.

Additional information about immunizations may be found at:

<http://www.healthvermont.gov/hc/imm/schoolentry.aspx>